

Application No. 10/748,411
Response dated June 30, 2006
Reply to Office Action of April 4, 2006

Remarks

Claims 1-24 are presented for consideration. Applicants enclose a 37 C.F.R. 1.131 declaration. Applicants will address this issue in the following pages. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Responses to Rejections

By way of the Office Action mailed April 4, 2006, claims 1-4, 6-9, 12, 18-21, 23, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated and thus unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2005/0096612 to Davis *et al.* (the Davis application). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants submit a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131, by inventor Lisa L. Bushman, swearing behind the Davis application reference and thereby obviating the Davis application reference as prior art in this case. As such, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

By way of the Office Action mailed April 4, 2006, claims 5, 10, 11, 13, and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made and thus unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2005/0096612 to Davis *et al.* (the Davis application). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, the Davis application has been removed as prior art. Therefore, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been made and Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

By way of the Office Action mailed April 4, 2006, claims 14-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the

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time the invention was made and thus unpatentable U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2005/0096612 to Davis *et al.* (the Davis application) in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,297,424 to Olson *et al.* (the Olson patent). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed above, the Davis application has been removed as prior art. Therefore, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been made and Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

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